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Mr. Henry Winston
National Chairman, C.P.U.S.A.
23 West 26th Street
New York, N.Y. 10010

Dear Mr. Winston:

I have just received your circular letter dated "November-December, 1971," which was mailed to me on January 6.

This letter refers to "our party" and says "we also want to thank you and the hundreds of others who responded to our appeal last year." I gather that this letter was sent to a rather select list, perhaps only to party members.

I have never had any contact with the C.P.U.S.A. or the Daily World (Daily Worker), as far as I know. Thus, I am quite curious as to how my name got on the list for this mailing. I have made a habit of contributing only to local organizations and on a personal basis.

Of course I agree with most of the goals set forth in your letter, and I am not objecting to receiving material from you.

It is possible that someone has added my name to your records, or made contributions in my name. What may have been done as a joke, or for more serious reasons, perhaps connected with the research I have been doing into the assassination of President Kennedy. (Incidentally, your address was familiar to me, since one of the topics I have been looking into is the interception by the FBI of letters written to you by Lee Harvey Oswald.)

I would, therefore, greatly appreciate any information you could provide about how my name has gotten into your records - what date, known source, records of contributions, etc. Please advise me if your letter was sent to any general mailing lists - for example, subscribers to non-U.S.A. periodicals. (I used to have a subscription to the Guardian; could that have been your source?) Any such mailing list would have to have been at least a year and a half old, since you used my former address.

For the convenience of the FBI and whoever else is reading your mail, I am enclosing a carbon. Please sign the enclosed postcard and return it to me right away, so I will know if this letter reaches you. I hope that you can find the time to provide the requested information, in as much detail as possible.

With best wishes for the new year,

Sincerely yours,

Paul L. Hoch

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bcc: HW

Shades of LHO: I'm writing to the CIA and the CPUSA on the same day!

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